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NEW YORK EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT. By ALGER and SLATER. Second Edition by George W. Alger, of the New York Bar. Albany: Matthew Bender & Co. 1907. Pp. xlvii, 291.

This book is written for the use of the New York practitioner. Messrs. Alger and Slater issued the first edition of their work in 1903, soon after the New York Employers' Liability Act of 1902 went into effect, and before it had been judicially interpreted. The cases cited in the first edition are largely English and American decisions from jurisdictions where Employers' Liability Acts had been in force prior to the passage of the New York Act. The new edition by Mr. Alger himself contains, in addition to the very complete citations of cases from other jurisdictions, a full discussion of the New York cases interpreting the Act of 1902. This book does not discuss reasons or theories, but undertakes to state the law in a concise form, citing full lists of cases supporting the propositions of law as stated.

Chapter II, entitled "Changes Effectuated by the Act in the Responsibility of Employers for the Acts of Persons Exercising Superintendence," has been very much enlarged and improved in this edition by the addition of the New York decisions interpreting this portion of the Act. The author's discussion of the common law on assumed risk as in effect in New York prior to the Act of 1902, and his section upon the change made in the New York law in this respect by section 3 of the Act, is especially clear. The English cases of *Thomas v. Quartermaine*, *Yarmouth v. France* and *Smith v. Baker*, are carefully analyzed and the judicial interpretation of section 3 of the New York Act and the law on assumed risks as evolved from the decisions, is set out in contrast with the English law on this subject.

The principles of employers' liability in general, as enacted into statute law and as distinguished from the common law, are briefly set forth in this little book, making it of value generally in jurisdictions where there is no employers' liability statute.

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